



Tennessee Crop Weather

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FIELD WORK DELAYS RETURN

Farmers maximized their time in the fields this past week, with only about 3.5 days suitable for field work. Continued wet conditions led to flooding in some low lying areas last week. The wheat crop continued to be rated in mostly good-to-excellent condition, but the high winds from this past week’s storms caused some lodging. Wheat harvest hasn’t started yet. The first hay cutting is seventy five percent complete. Other farms activities this past week include tobacco transplanting and application of side dressing to corn fields.

Topsoil moisture levels were rated 5 percent short, 70 percent adequate and 25 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture levels were rated 3 percent short, 74 percent adequate and 23 percent surplus. Temperatures continued to average near normal across the state this past week and precipitation averaged slightly above normal.

CROP PROGRESS					CONDITION					
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2012	Five Year Avg.	Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Percent					Percent					
Corn – Planted	98	97	100	99	Corn	1	5	19	58	17
Corn – Emerged	94	84	100	97	Pasture	0	2	17	66	15
Cotton – Planted	88	77	99	97	Tobacco	0	0	14	68	18
Cotton – Squaring	0	n/a	8	4	Winter Wheat	1	4	16	58	21
Hay – 1 st Cutting	75	65	94	83						
Soybeans - Planted	47	36	88	67						
Soybeans - Emerged	29	17	68	48						
Tobacco – Transplanted	57	47	81	76						
Winter Wheat – Turning Color	90	75	100	97						
Winter Wheat – Ripe	11	n/a	97	52						
Winter Wheat – Harvested	0	n/a	77	24						

n/a=not available

County Agent Comments

“Most farmers are finished with planting corn, cotton, soybeans and may not have planted total intended acres in corn because of rainy weather. Of course, wheat harvest is near and wheat beans will be planted after harvest. For the most part, vegetable producers and beef cattle producers, the rain has been good for them.”

J.C. Dupree, Jr, Lauderdale County

“There is a lot of wheat that is down due to high winds, high planting rates, high N rates, etc. Thrips are being found in high numbers and pigweed in higher numbers. Wet ground has made it hard to get across fields in a timely manner.”

Richard Buntin, Crockett County

“The farmers in Fayette Co. are waiting for dryer conditions so they can get back to planting. Rain at the end of last week and end of this week for all practical purposes, kept farmers out of the field for most of the week. Some spraying was done. Cotton and beans were looked at that were planted last week and some seed was rotten. With the wet conditions wheat harvest may be delayed longer than expected.”

Jeffery Via, Fayette County

“Corn in low fields has suffered from excessive wet conditions, some replanted for the third time and the last replant is too wet. Storms last week put some wheat down. Wheat quality may be suffering from wet conditions as well. Single crop soybean plantings are held up due to rains. Hay crop is not all in, with some cuttings still in field during last week’s rains.”

John Teague, Bedford County

“Brief showers off and on this week played havoc with hay harvest. Even with showers, soybean producers continue to report hard crusted ground delaying no-till drilling. Wheat is ripening and producers are anxious to harvest and get soybeans planted. Corn is looking good. Tobacco transplanting continues with fields set earlier looking good. The peach crop is reported as very good so far.”

Ruth Correll, Wilson County

“After a full week of dry weather, rainfall returns to once again stall field activities. Scattered to isolated rain, some very heavy at times, produced from an inch to 3.5 inches in some locations. Heavy downpours has caused some lodging in wheat (about 10%), which is nearing maturity. A few acres may be ready to harvest next week, but the bulk of the crop still needs time to dry. Lodging, ryegrass, and head scab will be issues for several acres. The corn crop is progressing, with the bulk of the crop between the four and eight leaf stage. Most producers have completed side dressing and post emergence herbicide applications. Full season soybean planting is all but finished with the bulk of the crop emerged. The bulk of the cotton acres have been abandoned due to late planting opportunities and planted to soybeans. Most producers report finished with first cutting of hay, and pastures continue to thrive with good moisture and mild temperatures.”

Ed Burns, Franklin County

“An abundance of rainfall has been good for the corn and beans already planted. Corn planting is nearly complete. Bean planting is about halfway complete. Rains have hindered 1st cutting of hay. Hay is ripe and we need sunshine to finish up 1st cutting. Wheat and oats both are lodging bad and nearly ripe.”

John Goddard, Loudon County

TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION
For week ending: June 9, 2013 (with comparisons)

LOCATION	TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION					
	Week Ending June 9, 2013				Current Week 06/09/13	Rain Days	Current Since January 1	Departure From Normal January 1	Current Since April 1	Departure From Normal April 1
	HI	LO	AVG	DFN						
West										
Ames_Plantation	86	55	72	-3	0.15	2	33.80	8.22	14.95	3.14
Brownsville_TN	85	59	73	-3	0.77	2	38.00	12.23	21.35	9.38
Covington	86	57	70	-5	1.11	2	36.28	10.68	19.83	7.91
Dyersburg	88	59	72	-4	1.05	2	35.03	11.50	20.24	9.53
Huntingdon_Wate	84	56	71	-3	0.62	3	40.42	15.69	21.11	10.14
Jackson_Exp_Stn	86	58	72	-2	0.47	3	38.03	12.87	20.20	8.32
Lexington_TN	82	56	70	-4	0.99	3	36.88	12.85	19.28	8.44
Martin	85	56	71	-3	1.23	4	37.30	12.96	21.30	10.20
Memphis_AG	87	59	73	-5	0.02	1	37.53	12.46	19.30	7.72
Milan	86	57	71	-2	0.34	3	38.34	13.01	21.40	9.69
Paris	84	54	70	-3	0.32	2	36.38	12.19	20.12	9.44
Savannah_6SW	86	54	71	-3	0.99	3	32.02	4.03	15.95	3.42
Selmer	85	55	72	-2	0.81	3	31.56	3.93	13.26	0.87
Union_City	85	56	71	-3	0.94	4	31.61	7.36	17.83	6.76
Middle										
Clarksville_Sew	89	55	72	0	0.89	4	29.63	6.05	13.08	3.15
Cookeville	82	55	69	-2	1.43	4	28.45	2.06	14.01	2.65
Crossville_AP	78	55	69	1	1.40	4	31.87	5.64	16.88	5.67
Dickson_AG	82	54	69	-4	1.11	3	28.11	2.66	11.99	0.55
Dover_1W	85	55	71	-2	0.40	3	39.77	15.17	21.49	10.79
Fayetteville_TN	85	55	72	1	1.12	4	29.76	3.60	13.52	2.64
Jamestown	81	55	69	1	1.09	4	29.06	4.21	14.00	2.99
Kingston_Spring	84	54	70	-2	0.91	4	25.18	0.78	11.45	1.02
Lewisburg	85	53	71	-2	1.57	4	28.11	1.98	14.24	2.69
Livingston_WLIV	83	55	70	-1	1.61	3	29.79	5.74	13.47	2.94
Lobelville	83	54	69	-3	0.62	2	33.05	6.35	14.82	3.11
Murfreesboro_5N	83	53	70	-2	0.26	3	29.17	4.31	14.14	3.06
Nashville_Metro	84	56	72	-2	0.97	4	25.89	3.25	12.01	1.61
Oneida	81	55	70	3	1.38	4	26.62	1.64	12.16	1.05
Portland_TN	82	56	70	-2	0.28	4	27.92	3.63	13.59	2.60
Pulaski_Water_P	84	56	70	-5	0.77	3	31.82	5.60	14.57	3.74
Shelbyville	85	58	73	0	1.06	4	28.08	2.11	14.26	3.17
Sparta_TN	84	56	71	1	0.82	2	30.69	4.98	15.23	4.09
Springfield	82	54	69	-3	0.31	3	31.20	7.85	16.97	6.49
Springhill	85	50	70	-2	0.47	3	25.83	-0.60	11.71	-0.11
Tullahoma	85	59	73	2	1.09	4	29.84	2.54	15.92	4.59
Waynesboro_TN	83	53	69	-2	0.54	4	29.05	1.19	12.77	0.68
East										
Chattanooga/Lov	86	61	75	3	0.75	3	35.91	10.46	17.88	8.16
Cleveland_6NNE	83	58	72	1	1.83	4	33.51	7.45	16.21	5.71
Dayton	83	57	72	0	1.58	4	37.24	10.32	20.51	9.61
Erwin_1W	84	58	70	3	2.22	4	27.84	6.37	13.09	3.13
Gatlinburg_2SW	82	55	67	0	2.75	4	36.43	11.59	15.12	4.22
Greeneville	85	55	71	2	4.76	5	33.26	14.13	16.43	7.99
Kingston_AG	85	58	73	4	0.59	3	31.94	4.65	14.58	3.37
Knoxville_AP	85	60	73	3	2.81	3	35.22	12.88	14.84	5.82
Newcomb	83	55	69	3	1.15	3	26.80	1.82	11.38	0.27
Norris_4NE	83	55	70	1	1.71	3	30.84	6.64	13.76	3.45
Tri-City_RGNL_A	87	57	71	3	1.21	4	25.93	7.38	9.73	1.55

DFN = Departure from Normal (Using 1961-90 Normals Period). Rain Days = Days with precip of 0.01 inch or more during the week. Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) measured in inches.

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